

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A method for signaling bearer channel modifications via a SIP protocol, comprising:

providing a protocol element for displaying a cause of the bearer modification.

12. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the protocol element is located in a content disposition header field in accordance with the RFC2183 standard.

13. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the protocol element is specified at least once.

14. (new) The method according to claim 13, wherein the a value of the protocol element is selected from the group consisting of:

connect-backward, connect-forward, connect-forward-no-notification, connect-forward-plus-notification, connect-forward-no notification-plus-selected codec, connect-forward-plus-notification-plus-selected codec, connected, switched, selected-codec, modify-codec, successful-codec-modification, codec-modification-failure, mid-call-codec-negotiation, modify-to-selected-codec-information, mid-call-codec-negotiation-failure, redirect-backwards-request, redirect-forwards-request, redirect-bearer-release-request, proceed, redirect-bearer-release-complete, redirect-cut-through-request, redirect-bearer-connected-indication, redirect-failure, remote-hold, remote-hold-ack, remote-retrieval, remote-retrieval-ack, and combinations thereof.

15. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the protocol element is embedded in an SDP protocol in accordance with a RFC2327 standard.

16. (new) The method according to claim 15, wherein the protocol element is specified at least once.

17. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein the a value of the protocol element is selected from the group consisting of:

connect-backward, connect-forward, connect-forward-no-notification, connect-forward-plus-notification, connect-forward-no notification-plus-selected codec, connect-forward-plus-notification-plus-selected codec, connected, switched, selected-codec, modify-codec, successful-codec-modification, codec-modification-failure, mid-call-codec-negotiation, modify-to-selected-codec-information, mid-call-codec-negotiation-failure, redirect-backwards-request, redirect-forwards-request, redirect-bearer-release-request, proceed, redirect-bearer-release-complete, redirect-cut-through-request, redirect-bearer-connected-indication, redirect-failure, remote-hold, remote-hold-ack, remote-retrieval, remote-retrieval-ack, and combinations thereof.

18. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the a value of the protocol element is selected from the group consisting of:

connect-backward, connect-forward, connect-forward-no-notification, connect-forward-plus-notification, connect-forward-no notification-plus-selected codec, connect-forward-plus-notification-plus-selected codec, connected, switched, selected-codec, modify-codec, successful-codec-modification, codec-modification-failure, mid-call-codec-negotiation, modify-to-selected-codec-information, mid-call-codec-negotiation-failure, redirect-backwards-request, redirect-forwards-request, redirect-bearer-release-request, proceed, redirect-bearer-release-complete, redirect-cut-through-request, redirect-bearer-connected-indication, redirect-failure, remote-hold, remote-hold-ack, remote-retrieval, remote-retrieval-ack, and combinations thereof.

19. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the SIP protocol is embodied in accordance with the standard selected from the group consisting of:

RFC2542, RFC3261 and RFC3372.

20. (new) A method for signaling bearer channel modifications in a communication network via a SIP protocol, comprising:

providing a protocol element for displaying a cause of the bearer modification,
wherein the protocol element is specified at least once,

wherein the protocol element is provided in a MIME message body of a SIP message embodied in accordance with a RFC 2045 standard.

21. (new) The method according to claim 20, wherein the a value of the protocol element is selected from the group consisting of:

connect-backward, connect-forward, connect-forward-no-notification, connect-forward-plus-notification, connect-forward-no notification-plus-selected codec, connect-forward-plus-notification-plus-selected codec, connected, switched, selected-codec, modify-codec, successful-codec-modification, codec-modification-failure, mid-call-codec-negotiation, modify-to-selected-codec-information, mid-call-codec-negotiation-failure, redirect-backwards-request, redirect-forwards-request, redirect-bearer-release-request, proceed, redirect-bearer-release-complete, redirect-cut-through-request, redirect-bearer-connected-indication, redirect-failure, remote-hold, remote-hold-ack, remote-retrieval, remote-retrieval-ack, and combinations thereof.

22. (new) A device in a communications system for signaling a bearer channel modification, comprising:

a protocol element for displaying a cause of the bearer modification,
wherein the protocol element is specified at least once.

23. (new) The device according to claim 22, wherein the a value of the protocol element is selected from the group consisting of:

connect-backward, connect-forward, connect-forward-no-notification, connect-forward-plus-notification, connect-forward-no notification-plus-selected codec, connect-forward-plus-notification-plus-selected codec, connected, switched, selected-codec, modify-codec, successful-codec-modification, codec-modification-failure, mid-call-codec-negotiation, modify-to-selected-codec-information, mid-call-codec-negotiation-failure, redirect-backwards-request, redirect-forwards-request, redirect-bearer-release-request, proceed, redirect-bearer-release-complete, redirect-cut-through-request, redirect-bearer-connected-indication, redirect-failure, remote-hold, remote-hold-ack, remote-retrieval, remote-retrieval-ack, and combinations thereof.

24. (new) The device according to claim 23, wherein the protocol element is in a content disposition header field in accordance with a RFC2183 standard.

25. (new) The device according to claim 23, wherein the protocol element is embedded in an SDP protocol in accordance with a RFC2327 standard.

26. (new) The device according to claim 22, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of:

media gateway controller, SIP telephone, and SIP proxy.